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FOLLOWING REPEAT LENINGRAD 1534 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO
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DEPT FOR EB/TD/TT AND BIB FROM JACOBS

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1. DURING AFTERNOON MAY 15 JACOBS MET WITH DEPUTY
MINISTER A.L. BADALOV FROM THE MINISTRY OF POST AND TELE-
GRAPH. JACOBS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY JOHN GAYER OF IEEE DEL.
BOTH JACOBS AND GAYER KNOW BADALOV WELL FROM PROFESSIONAL
CONTACTS OVER PAST TWENTY YEARS. ALSO PRESENT WERE
MINISTRY OFFICIALS N.M. EVDOKIMOV, VICE DIRECTOR, DEPT.
OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND I.A. PROSSOROV, CHIEF OF
PROTOCOL. EVENING MAY 15 BADALOV AND MINISTRY OFFICIALS
HOSTED JACOBS, GAYER AND THEIR WIVES TO BALLET AT KREMLIN
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PALACE OF CONGRESS.

2. MEETING, AS EXPECTED, WAS EXCEPTIONALLY CORDIAL AND
FRIENDLY. JACOBS GAVE BADALOV COPIES 6TH, 7TH, AND
8TH FCC NO1'S FOR WARC-79. BADALOV WAS VERY PLEASED TO
RECEIVE SINCE HIS SPECIAL TASK FORCE HAD BEEN WORKING
WITH 5TH NO1 TO PREPARE FOR SEPT. MEETING WITH U.S. TEAM.

BADALOV EXPLAINED THAT SOVIETS ONLY NOW ARE GETTING DOWN TO "SERIOUS" PLANNING FOR WARC-79. HE HEADS SPECIAL PREPARATORY TASK FORCE CONSISTING OF HIGHEST OFFICIALS IN ALL MINISTRIES, IN INDUSTRY AND IN THE ARMED FORCES DEALING WITH TELECOMMUNICATIONS. HE EXPECTS TO HAVE SUBSTANTIVE DETAILS TO DISCUSS WITH USDEL IN SEPTEMBER.

3. BADALOV STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE USA-USSR COOPERATION AT WARC-79. IN HIS WORDS "COURSE OF CONFERENCE WILL BE SET BY BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. IF WE WORK TOGETHER CLOSELY, THE CONFERENCE IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE A SUCCESS WHERE OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS ARE CONCERNED. IF NOT, WE BOTH WILL LOSE." BADALOV SAID THAT HE EXPECTS TO HAVE SERIES OF THREE MEETINGS WITH US REPS; ONE IN SEPTEMBER IN MOSCOW; A SECOND IN WASHINGTON NEXT SPRING, AND A THIRD IN GENEVA AT BEGINNING OF WARC-79. BADALOV IS LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING DESIGNATED HEAD OF USDEL ROBINSON.

4. BADALOV WILL HEAD SOVDEL TO CCIR PLENARY IN KYOTO NEXT MONTH.

5. BADALOV ASKED JACOBS ABOUT HIS POSITION AT BIB. JACOBS GAVE HIM BRIEF EXPLANATION AND LEFT COPY OF FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT, WHICH BADALOV ACCEPTED. BADALOV LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS RADIO LIBERTY, STATING THAT THIS WAS A SERIOUS POLITICAL PROBLEM THAT ENGINEERS SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVED IN.

6. DURING INTERMISSION AT BALLET JACOBS DISCUSSED WITH BADALOV ROLES BOTH PLAYED IN CESSATION OF SOVIET JAMMING AGAINST VOA IN 1963. JACOBS ASKED IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE FOR SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT FOR RADIO LIBERTY. BADALOV REPLIED THAT "THIS IS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CASE THAN WITH VOA. THE POLITICAL PROBLEM IS MUCH MORE SERIOUS. I DON'T THINK THERE CAN BE AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION, BUT THIS IS A PROBLEM FOR DIPLOMATS NOT ENGINEERS."

7. ON MAY 18 JACOBS MET WITH HENRIKAS JUSHKEVITSHUS, VICE-CHAIRMAN USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, STATE COMMITTEE FOR TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTING. ACCOMPANYING JACOBS WERE BLUMBERG AND ZAPOTOWYCZ OF IEEE DEL. MEETING WAS CORDIAL, FRIENDLY AND INFORMATIVE. JUSHKEVITSHUS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING BROADCASTING FACILITIES FOR 1980 OLYMPICS, AND HE GAVE COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING.

8. JUSHKEVITSHUS TOLD JACOBS THAT "I KNOW YOUR BOARD HAS MANY PROBLEMS WITH YOUR PIRATE RADIOS. YOU ARE WASTING YOUR TIME. YOU WILL NEVER CONTROL THEM. I CAN ALSO TELL YOU THAT THEY SHALL NEVER COME TO THE OLYMPICS. THERE ARE GOOD POLITICAL REASONS WHY THEY CANNOT COME BUT I WILL GIVE YOU TECHNICAL REASONS. WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF FACILITIES. WE SHALL HAVE TO TURN DOWN OR LIMIT SOME COUNTRIES THAT WANT TO BROADCAST THE OLYMPICS TO THEIR OWN PEOPLE. WITH SUCH A SITUATION IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO THINK THAT WE WOULD MAKE FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO PIRATE RADIOS. TO THE VOICE OF AMERICA MAYBE, BUT NEVER TO YOUR RADIOS."

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9. JUSHKEVITSHUS CUT OFF JACOBS INTENDED REPLY POLITELY WITH REMARK THAT "YOU ARE MY GUEST AND THIS IS NOT TIME FOR POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS." HE CONTINUED ON TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL BROADCASTING FACILITIES AND TO ARRANGE FOR ESCORTED VISIT OF MOSCOW TV FACILITIES. BUCHANAN UNQUOTE VANCE

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